





City of Loma Linda Official Report

Floyd Petersen, Mayor
Stan Brauer, Mayor pro tempore
Robert Christman, Councilmember
Robert Ziprick, Councilmember
Charles Umeda, Councilmember

COUNCIL AGENDA: January 24, 2006

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager 

FROM: Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: June 6, 2006 General Municipal Election

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following Council Bills and determine the method by which a tie vote may be resolved:

1. R-2006-03, calling and giving notice of the election;
2. R-2006-04, providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for measures relating to the University Village and Orchard Park Specific Plans;
3. R-2006-05, setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding the measures relating to the University Village and Orchard Park Specific Plans and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis;
4. R-2006-06, adopting regulations for candidate's statements for inclusion in the Sample Ballot.

BACKGROUND

The 2006 General Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 to elect three (3) members to the City Council, two for a four-year term and one for a two-year term caused by a vacancy. The seats available are those now held by Council Members Petersen, Ziprick, and Umeda.

The filing period for nomination papers is Monday, February 13 through Friday, March 10. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Friday, March 10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Nomination papers may only be issued by the City Clerk or her Deputy during normal business hours. Should an incumbent not file between February 13 and March 10, the filing period is extended to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15; however, an incumbent may not file during the extension period. Statements of Economic Interest are required to be filed at the time

of submittal of nomination papers. If an incumbent has filed an annual statement within 60 days of nomination, no further filing is required.

The last day to file arguments in favor or against measures is Friday, March 17 and the last day to file rebuttal arguments in favor or against measures is Friday, March 24. Direct arguments have a 300-word limit (Elections Code §9282) and rebuttal arguments have a 250-word limit (Elections Code §9285).

The Election Code provides for a tie vote to be resolved by lot (tossing of a coin, drawing envelopes) or by special election. If a runoff election is chosen, it is to be held not less than 40 nor more than 125 days after the "Declaration of Result."

On November 13, 2001, the City Council adopted Resolution 2206 providing for a runoff election should a tie occur. With the exception of the March 2000 Election, which resulted in a tie vote resolved by a coin toss, the City Council has chosen to break a tie vote by runoff election. Resolution 2206 is currently in effect.

ANALYSIS

The City of Loma Linda consolidates its General Municipal Election, at a cost savings to the City, with the Primary Election, which is carried out by the County Registrar of Voters.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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